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1. JAPAN

MIKI PLANS VISIT CONTROVERSIAL YASUKUNI SHRINE TO 2.4
MILLION WAR DEAD FRIDAY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY END OF WAR.
SHINTO SHRINE SUPPORTED BY STATE BEFORE 1945, OCCUPIED
PLACE SIMILAR ARLINGTON, WESTMI;ISTER (U,I, WP).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO CITES "USUALLY RELIABLE" LDP
SOURCES THAT BANK OF JAPAN MAY FURTHER REDUCE DISCOUNT
RATE TO 7 PERCENT EARLY IN FALL, RELAX BANK RESERVE
REQUIREMENTS, LOWER DEPOSIT INTEREST RATES.
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CULLISON CITES MOF DATA RELEASED THURSDAY SHOWING
CONTINUED DECREASE JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE DUE WORLD-WIDE
RECESSION. EXPORTS DOWN 7.3 PERCENT TO 4.8 BILLION
DOLS, IMPORTS 11.9 PERCENT TO 4.9 BILLION DOLS. 148

MILLION DOL DEFICIT FIFTH IN PAST SEVEN MONTHS.

CULLISON NOTES EPA REPORT WARNING JAPAN MUST DEVELOP MODERN RESOURCE-SAVING TECHNIQUES TO KEEP PACE WITH RISING PRICES; EXPECTS OIL PRICE TO DOUBLE IN COMING DECADE TO 17 DOL/BBL.

KILBORN (NYT) IN LONDON SAYS GOVT URGES CITIZENS "BUY BRITISH" BUT INSTEAD ARE "BUYING JAPANESE." IMPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 4 PERCENT OF CARS SOLD FIVE YEARS AGO, NOW UP TO 42 PERCENT WITH DATSUN BEST SELLER. SAME WITH MOTOR BIKES, TV, EVEN FISH. TRADE SECRETARY SHORE PLANS VISIT TOKYO NEXT MONTH, APPEAL FOR "TEMPORARY RESTRAINTS" ON LEADING EXPORTS TO UK, HELP REDRESS 675 MILLION DOL ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE.

2. INDOCHINA

LAOS FORMINISTRY 8/14 DELIVERED CHARGE CORCORAN PROTEST NOTE CHARGING TWO AMEMBASSY OFFICIALS ON THREE OCCASIONS ENGAGED IN "SPY AND SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES" BY TAKING PHOTOS AT FORMER AID COMPOUND, IN VIOLATION LAO AND INTERNATIONAL LAW; NOTE WARNED AGAINST RECURRENCE SUCH ACTS. SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST BROADCAST BY VIENTIANE RADIO, PRINTED IN LAO PRESS. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO ANSWER (UPI, NYT; GLOBE).

TWO THAI DEPMIL ATTACHES, ORDERED OUT OF LAOS FOLLOWING DETENTION ON SPYING CHARGES, WERE RELEASED 8/15, TOLD TO LEAVE WITHIN 24 HOURS, ACCORDING OFFICIAL SOURCES VIENTIANE, WHICH ADDED THAT THAIS WERE HANDED OVER TO RTG CHARGE AND WILL FLY BANGKOK IMMEDIATELY (REUTER VIENTIANE).

CSM'S GODSELL NOTES OUTSIDERS STILL NOT SURE JUST WHO RUNNING CAMBODIA OR THROUGH WHAT KIND OF GOVT SETUP; UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY KNOW SOMETHING IN CHARGE CALLED "AMGK," WHICH MEANS LITERALLY "ORGANIZATION." THOSE IN CHARGE OF "RUSTICATION" PROGRAM OF MOVING MASSES TO COUNTRYSIDE REMAIN NAMELESS, EVEN TO PEOPLE AT THEIR COMMAND; THEY WEAR KIND OF UNIFORM, BUT NO INSIGNIA. EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN ON BIGGER SCALE THAN IN SVN AFTER COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER, BUT MANY MORE HAVE SUCCUMBED TO MALNUTRITION. NOTES SOME FRENCH ANALYSTS FORECAST THAT SOON AS THIS SEPT "RUTHLESS ROMANTICS" OF NEW CAMBODIA LEADERSHIP WILL BE FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO RECOGNIZE THEIR MISTAKEN ASSUMPTIONS, CHANGE COURSE.

WP'S HYER REPORTS FINDINGS OF US QUAKER COUPLE (PAUL AND SOPHIA QUINN-JUDGE), RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TWO

YEARS SERVICE WITH AFSC IN SVN, AS RELATED AT THURSDAY NEWS CONFERENCE: NEW REGIME GOVERNS MORE WITH CARROT THAN STICK, SHOW MORE OF EVANGELICAL ZEAL, CONVERTING PEOPLE, THAN HITTING THEM OVER HEAD; COUPLE WAS ABLE MOVE FREELY, TAKE PHOTOS, MAKE NEW CONTACTS UNDER NEW

GOVT, BUT CONTACTS WITH REGIME LIMITED TO MINOR OFFICIALS; ONE OF GOVT'S EARLY PRIORITIES WAS ORGANIZING MACHINERY TO ALLOW PEASANT RETURN TO COUNTRYSIDE FROM SAIGON, MAINLY TO OWN HOMES, AND IN FIRST MONTH AFTER WAR'S END 18,000 HAD GONE, COMPLETELY VOLUNTARILY; RELIGIOUS LEADERS, BUDDHIST AND RC, GENERALLY ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH PRESENT GOVT; AFSC HAS GIVEN CONTROL OF QUANGNGAI REHAB CENTER FOR VN WAR-INJURED OVER TO NEW REGIME.

SAMPHAN IN FIRST INTERVIEW SINCE KR SEIZED POWER PREDICTS 1-2 YEARS BEFORE CAMBODIA CAN FEED POPULACE AND RETURN TO PREWAR ROLE AS FOOD-EXPORTER. MAINTAINS BIG PROBLEMS SOLVED AFTER THREE MONTHS, FACTORIES BEGINNING TO WORK, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS OPEN, AND PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE. ADDED THAT DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY US "IMPERIALIST WAR" FORCED NEW GOVT MOBILIZE ENTIRE POPULATION; NOW, ALL COUNTRY'S SEVEN MAIN HIGHWAYS REPAIRED, OPEN, AND POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY PEOPLE RICE, SALT, TEXTILES (AFP, GLOBE).

3. INDOCHINA/PRC

KHIEU SAMPHAN ARRIVED PEKING 8/15, MARKING FIRST VISIT UNCLASSIFIED

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BY KR LEADERS SINCE APRIL VICTORY. DELEGATION WELCOMED BY TENG HSIO-PING, DESCRIBED AS "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT." OBSERVERS EXPECT SIHANOUK TO RETURN PEKING SOON AFTER EXTENDED PYONGYANG VISIT; SAY UNLIKELY PRC PRESS WOULD GIVE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION SUCH WIDE PUBLICITY UNLESS PEKING EXPECTED SOME RESOLUTION SIHANOUK PROBLEM (BUTTERFIELD, NYT; REUTER, GLOBE).

NVN ECONOMIC DELEGATION HELD PEKING TALKS WITH PRC OFFICIALS 8/14; NO DETAILS GIVEN, BUT ANALYSTS SPECULATE TALKS FOCUSED ON CHINESE AID FOR POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION. LOW-KEY RECEPTION GIVEN DELEGATION WAS SUBTLE INDICATION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN NVN, PRC MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE VN WAR'S END. CHINESE COMMUNIST SOURCES IN HK REPORTEDLY HAVE COMPLAINED OVER HANOI'S LACK OF GRATITUDE FOR PRC'S WARTIME AID; ALSO FEAR NVN MAY GRANT SOVIETS CAM RANH BAY NAVAL BASE. (BUTTERFIELD).

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

AP (AGANA) QUOTES LT CAO, ONE OF 13 VNAF DRUGGED AND FLOWN UTAPAO TO GUAM, PLEADING FOR RETURN HOME TO FAMILY; CAO GIVES ACCOUNT OF HIS TRAUMA THAT BEGAN APRIL 29. GEN

HERBERT, IN CHARGE OF REFUGEE CAMPS, DECLARES VN DESTINATION OF 1,607 VIETS WISHING RETURN HOME, BUT TIME UNKNOWN, SVN RESPONSE HAS BEEN ZERO, REFUGEES RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE (SUN, CHITRIB).

REP EILBERG, HOUSE IMMIGRATION SUBCOMTE CHAIRMAN, THURSDAY SUGGESTED TAKING STIFFER ACTION, POSSIBLY EVEN CRIMINAL CHARGES, AGAINST US MIL MEN REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN DRUGGING VIET REFUGEES FLOWN TO GUAM AGAINST THEIR WILL (AP, NYDN).

PHINQ'S RAWLS WRITES OF VIET REFUGEE FAMILY AT FT INDIANTOWN GAP WHO GOT SPONSOR THURSDAY, AFTER TWO AND HALF MONTHS AT CAMP.

5. THAILAND

KUKRIT TELLS PARLIAMENT REMAINING US FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND BY NEXT MARCH. SOME 19,500 TROOPS, 200 AIRCRAFT STATIONED AT FOUR THAI-US AIR BASES (CSM).

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AP'S MATT FRANJOLA (NYT) IN BAN NAM LAN DESCRIBES PLIGHT OF SOME 12,000 MEO TRIBES WHO FLED LAOS. CITES THAI MEDICAL OFFICIALS THAT 90 PERCENT SUFFER MALNUTRITION, MALARIA, ANEMIA. SAYS THEIR FUTURE UNCERTAIN, THEIR PRESENCE AN IRRITANT TO SHAKY THAI-LAOS RELATIONS, AND DOOR TO US CLOSED TO THEM.

PALLING (WP) IN BANGKOK REVIEWS SOURING OF THAI-LAOS RELATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS; SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT. CITES OBSERVERS THAT LAOS' PURPOSE TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN SELF AND THAILAND, SCORE NATIONALISTIC POINTS BY DENOUNCING THAI INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

BIMAN AIRLINE OFFICIAL IN BANGKOK SAID FRIDAY DACCA AIRPORT CLOSED FOLLOWING BANGLADESH COUP; THAI FLIGHT FROM BANGKOK TO DACCA REFUSED LANDING (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. KOREA

PRES PARK ON KOREAN NATL DAY CALLED ON NK LEADERS TO "OPEN UP THEIR TOTALLY DARK AND CLOSED SOCIETY," LIBERATE NKOREANS FROM ENSLAVEMENT UNDER TOTALITARIAN DICTATORSHIP. PROPOSED UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS, UNCONDITIONAL RESUMPTION SUSPENDED DIALOG (BG).

7. KOREA/PRC

SMITH(UPI,BALT NEWS-AMER) REPORTS PEKING "POLITE-L ADVISED" KIM IL-SUNG "COOL IT" ON TOUGH TALK, TRY MORE DIPLOMACY WITH US, SK. FOREIGN VISITORS, HOWEVER, GET IMPRESSION FROM PEKING LEADERS THAT NK'S PUBLIC IMAGE STILL TOO WARLIKE. PEKING REPORTEDLY

CONCERNED ABOUT GIVING NK TOO MUCH SUPPORT, LEST
IT IMPEDE PRC EFFORTS IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US,
JAPAN.

8. PHILIPPINES

GOP ANNOUNCED 8/14 THAT SOUTHERN MOSLEM REBELS WHO
FOUGHT UNDER MORO LIBERATION FRONT BANNER HAVE AC-
CEPTED CEASEFIRE. CONCESSIONS MADE BY EITHER SIDE
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NOT DISCLOSED, BUT MARCOS PLEDGED "MODALITIES OF
AUTONOMY AND AN INTERNAL FORCE" IN REBELS' AREA WILL
BE DISCUSSED (VILLADOLID, NYT).

9. HONG KONG

CONTROVERSIAL ANTI-PORNO LAW BECOMES HK LAW AFTER
PASSAGE OF AMENDMENTS DESIGNED EASE FEARS LAW
THREATENED PRESS FREEDOM (WP).

10. TIMOR

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE RELEASED 8/14 STATED VIOLENCE
AGAINST UDT FEARED; FRETELIN (RADICAL RIVAL PARTY)
REFUSED NEGOTIATE WITH UDT, AND SITUATION HAS PRO-
VOKED RESENTMENT AMONG TIMORESE MILITARY. ACCORDING
LATEST COMMUNIQUE, FORMER POLICE CHIEF DECIDED JOIN
UDT, WHICH MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHER PUBLIC, MILITARY
MEN FOLLOW SUIT (REUTER MACAO).

11. INDONESIA

MALIK SAID THURSDAY IN JAKARTA INDONESIA DOES NOT WANT
MAKE PORTUGUESE TIMOR "ANOTHER GOA." GOI OFFERED PRO-
TECT 650,000 PEOPLE IN COLONY MONDAY, AFTER REPORTS OF
COUP. REFUGEES REACHING DARWIN SAY AT LEAST THREE KILLED
IN CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL POLITICAL GROUPS IN DILI (WP).

NYT CARRIES 12- PAGE PAID AD COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE. CONGRATS ADS PLACED
MAINLY BY US-BASED FIRMS; TEXT INCLUDES STATEMENTS
BY SUHARTO, MALIK PRAISING "INDONESIAN SUCCESS STORY";
PERTAMINA'S ROLE IN INDONESIAN ECONOMY ALSO CITED.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. JAPAN

CDN'S KEYES BEECH (BALTO N-A 8/14) SAYS SECDEF TO GET
TOP-LEVEL TREATMENT DURING VISIT JAPAN LATE THIS MONTH,
INCLUDING SESSION WITH MIKI. STATES FIRST SECDEF VISIT
IN FOUR YEARS NOTEWORTHY, SINCE COMES AT INVITATION MINDEF

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WHEN JAPANESE INTEREST IN DEFENSE AT POST-WAR HIGH. SEES JAPANESE AVERSION TO "BURDEN SHARING" STRONG AS EVER, BUT NOTES INTEREST IN JAPAN'S DEFENSE ROSE SHARPLY AFTER FALL SVN.

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO SAYS JAPAN, DISGRACED BY ULTIMATE CATASTROPHE OF DEFEAT 30 YEARS AGO, HAS MANAGED POST-WAR TRANSFORMATION THAT MUST RANK AS GREAT WONDER OF MODERN HISTORY. US GENEROSITY, JAPANESE ENERGY HELPED DEVELOP POST-WAR JAPAN AS ONE OF MOST PROSPEROUS, DEMOCRATIC, "COMMITTED-TO-PEACE" NATIONS IN WORLD. ADDS EVEN MOST PRO-US POLITICIANS INSIST JAPAN NO LONGER US' "LITTLE BROTHER," BUT EQUAL FRIEND AND PARTNER.

SUN-TIMES' WADE FRANKLIN DESCRIBES GUAM AS HAWAII-LIKE MECCA FOR JAPANESE TOURISTS.

NYT SPECIAL (LONDON) TELLS HOW AMERICAN BUYER IGNORED FOR WEEKS BY BRITISH CAR SALESMEN TURNED FINALLY TO TOYOTA DEALER. NOTES TOYOTA SALES ROSE 60 PERCENT THIS YEAR, ALL OTHER CARS 35 PERCENT BELOW 1973 PEAK.

LONDON OBSERVER'S MARK MURRAY (WP) INTERVIEWS MITSUBISHI SHIPYARD ENGINEER TSUTOMU YAMAGUCHI, ONE OF FOUR LIVING DOUBLE-EXPOSURE VICTIMS OF A-BOMBS. THOUGHT FIREBALL THAT EXPANDED LIKE SF MONSTER WAS NEW KIND OF GAS BOMB. DISCLAIMS PERSONAL BITTERNESS AGAINST AMERICANS, BUT FAILS UNDERSTAND NOSTALGIA FOR TRUMAN, WHOM BELIEVES HISTORY WILL JUDGE HARD. WORRIES FUTURE GENERATIONS WON'T REMEMBER LESSON "WE DIDN'T LEARN LAST TIME UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE"--THAT PEOPLE WITH ARMS WILL BE KILLED BY ARMS.

13. KOREA

FRITCHEY (WP) STATES PRINCIPAL ROLE OF SECDEF SEEMS BE PR DIRECTOR FOR JCS. CALLS SCHLESINGER BEST FRONT-MAN DOD EVER HAD, WHO ARTICULATES JCS POLICY ALMOST MASTERFULLY AS HAK DID NIXON'S. IN PROCESS, HE'S ALSO USEFUL TO CINC FORD, SINCE TOUGH TALK, INCLUDING RECENT REFERENCES TO "FIRST STRIKE" USE OF NUKES IN KOREA, PROTECTS PRES FROM GOP RIGHT-WING. MOSCOW CHARGE HE'S PLAYING "DANGEROUS GAMES" SEEMS ONLY ENHANCE SECDEF STANDING

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WITH FORD'S COLD-WAR CRITICS.

14. INDOCHINA

CSM'S SCHMIDT OBSERVES INDICATIONS VIETS WOULD WELCOME

MORE OCMMUNICATION, IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US HAVE REACHED WASHINGTON IN RECENT DAYS IN FORM OF SVN RADIO STATEMENT IT WANTS RESUMPTION OFFSHORE EXPLORATORY DRILLING BY US COMPANIES, AND HANOI MESSAGE THAT NVN PREPARED NOW TO SHIP US REMAINS OF THREE MORE MIAS. SCHMIDT SAYS MOBIL SPOKESMAN TOLD CSM THAT IF DOS WOULD APPROVE, FIRM WOULD BE "QUITE INTERESTED" IN BRINGING DRILLING RIG BACK INTO ITS FORMER LOCATION 120 MILES SW OF SAIGON. NOTES EA'S HABIB HAS SAID US DOES NOT FAVOR PUBLIC US ASSISTANCE TO EITHER VN, BUT HIGH-RANKING DOS OFFICIAL SAYS DEPT WELCOMED ANY CONCILIATORY GESTURES FROM VIETS, IN LIGHT OF HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH.

SUN MANTAINS SERIOUS US RESPONSE TO REPEATED VN ASSERTIONS OF WILLINGNESS FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS IN ORDER, THEREBY SIGNALLING CLEARLY US KNOWS WAR IS OVER AND IS READY DISCUSS NORMAL RELATIONS, SO LONG AS NEITHER SIDE IMPOSES PRECONDITIONS.

GLOBE'S STORIN FEELS IT UNDERSTANDABLE THAT US ATTEMPTED TRADE OFF VNS' UN APPLICATIONS AGAINST ROKG'S; BUT GAMBIT HAVING FAILED, US MIGHT BETTER HAVE REVERSED STRATEGY, WITHHELD VETO AND BOASTED OF ITS LIBERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD UNIVERSALITY AS FURTHER ARGUMENT FOR BRINGING SK AND NK INTO UN.

REVIEWING PRES FORD'S FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE, STLPOST-DISPATCH (8/10) DECLARES HIS STUBBORN INSISTENCE THAT DISINTEGRATING SVN, CAMBODIA REGIMES BE BACKED BY MORE US ARMS SHOWED HOW LITTLE HE HAS LEARNED FORM INDOCHINA TRAGEDY; AND HIS REFLEXIVE RETALIATION AFTER MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT INDICATED DANGEROUS PREDISPOSITION FOR SHOOTING FROM HIP.

LAT'S ELEGANT (8/12) MAINTAINS NEW DELIBERATELY FACELESS CAMBODIAN REGIME, IN AN AUDACIOUS DISPLAY OF SOCIAL ENGINEERING, IS TRANSFORMING COUNTRY INTO VAST, ISOLATED UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANTATION. CONTENTS "ANGKA" IS FURTHER ELIMINATING ALMOST ALL VESTIGES OF "CIVILIZATION", AS TERM USUALLY UNDERSTOOD.

15. MARIANAS

JAMES GOULD (PROF INTL RELATIONS, SCRIPPS COLLEGE) IN NYT LETTER ASKS WHY US, "WITHOUT CONSULTING UN OR MICRONESIA, SLICED OFF" MARIANAS REGION "TO SERVE ITS IMPERIAL INTERESTS." STATES IT NOW IMPORTANT THAT DISCUSSION NOT BE CONFINED TO SENATE INTERIOR COMM, BUT QUESTION MUST BE TREATED AS IMPORTANT INTL AGREEMENT WHICH INVOLVES UN, US PACIFIC ROLE, "OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HUMANKIND."

16. GENERAL

BRINES (CSM) SAYS SOVIET SOMALIA BASE, MOSCOW'S DEMAND FOR US-BUILT CAM RANH BAY BASE, ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS SOVIETS DETERMINED BECOME GLOBAL NAVAL POWER BY RAPID SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAM. SUCH "THREAT OF ENCIRCLEMENT" AGAINST SEA, PRC, HAS BROUGHT PUBLIC WARNINGS FROM PEKING, ALSO PRIVATE WORD THAT CHINESE WILL WELCOME COUNTERBALANCING US NAVAL PRESENCE IN S CHINA SEA. BELIEVES INDUSTRIAL WORLD CANNOT AFFORD GIVE RUSSIANS CAPABILITY FOR CUTTING OIL SUPPLY ROUTES, AND US FAILURE RESPOND TO BERBERA BASE WITH DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES COULD TEMPT MOSCOW ACCELERATE NAVAL BUILDUP FURTHER.

HARSCH (CSM) STATES DETENTE'S EFFECTIVENESS MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST STATE OF WESTERN RELATIONS WITH PRC, AND OF PRC WITH SOVIETS. BELIEVES MOSCOW'S MODERATE BEHAVIOR TOWARD EUROPE PRESENT ONLY BECAUSE IT FEELS PRC'S WEIGHT ALONG COMMON FRONTIER. SIMILARLY, MOSCOW'S MODERATION OVER PORTUGAL EVIDENCE THAT PRC-SOVIET BREACH NOT HEALED, BECAUSE IF IT WERE, MORE ACTIVE SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL COULD BE EXPECTED. SISCO

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